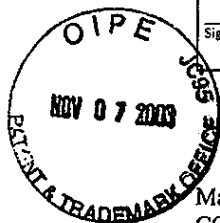


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Application No. : 09/832,580
 Applicant(s) : Michael D. Mitchell, et al.
 Filed : April 11, 2001
 Title : PROCESSES FOR MANUFACTURING PARTICLES COATED
 WITH ACTIVATED LIGNOSULFONATE
 Examiner : M.B. Cleveland
 Conf. No. : 3614
 Customer No. : 27752

1. ☒ No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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